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Summary

Main Features

The **Labour Force, Australia, Spreadsheets** (cat. no. 6202.0.55.001) product set includes time series data corresponding to the tables contained in the **Labour Force, Australia** (cat. no. 6202.0) publication.

Since these products are based on the same data as the **Labour Force, Australia** (cat. no. 6202.0) publication, the **6202.0 Labour Force, Australia Main Features** are relevant to both releases.

FORTHCOMING CHANGES

Following each Census of Population and Housing, the ABS selects a new sample for the Labour Force Survey. This is done to ensure that the sample continues to accurately represent the distribution of the Australian population. A new sample has recently been selected based on the 2006 Census.

In order to reduce the potential impact of the change in sample on labour force statistics, the new sample will be introduced progressively, taking advantage of the existing rotation scheme. Using this scheme, the private dwelling sample in larger urban centres and less remote areas, representing approximately four-fifths of the total sample, will be phased in over the period November 2007 to June 2008. Within these areas, one-eighth of the new sample will be introduced each month under existing sample rotation arrangements. The rest of the sample (in remote, less populated areas and for non-private dwellings) will be introduced in two stages, March and April 2008. Detailed information about the new sample will be provided in **Information Paper: Labour Force Survey Sample Design** (cat. no. 6269.0), which will be released on 27 November 2007.

About this Release

A set of Excel spreadsheets with summary results of the monthly Labour Force Survey containing estimates of employed and unemployed persons classified by sex, full-time/part-time status, states and territories and some age groups; and persons not in the labour force.

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Standard Errors

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Estimates from the Labour Force Survey (LFS) are based on information collected from people in a sample of dwellings, rather than the entire population. Hence the estimates produced may differ from those that would have been produced if the entire population had been included in the survey. The most common measure of the likely difference (or 'sampling error') is the **standard error** (SE). New models for calculating standard errors for these estimates were introduced in June 2007 and apply to estimates from the LFS from April 2001 onwards.

The ABS considers that estimates with a relative standard error of 25% or more may be subject to sampling variability too high for most practical purposes.

To indicate those cells in the spreadsheets with a relative standard error of 25% or more, annotations have been applied prior to dissemination.

In addition, the table below has been supplied to show estimates at which the relative standard error is 25%. Estimates of the size indicated in the tables, or smaller, are considered to be subject to sampling variability too high for most practical purposes.

For additional information on LFS standard errors see Labour Force Survey Standard Error, 2005 (cat. no. 6298.0) and the Explanatory Notes tab in Labour Force, Australia (cat. no. 6202.0).

State	Feb 78	Oct 82	Sep 87 to	Sep 92	Sep 97	From April 2001		NILF
	to Sep 82	to Aug 87	Aug 92	to Aug 97	to Mar 01	Employed	Unemployed	
NSW	4.5	4.0	4.5	5.3	5.9	4.9	5.7	5.9
Vic.	4.5	4.0	4.5	4.6	4.5	4.1	4.9	4.8
Qld	3.5	3.0	3.0	3.5	4.1	3.7	4.2	4.4
SA	2.5	1.8	2.0	2.4	2.4	2.0	2.7	2.5
WA	2.5	2.0	2.5	2.9	2.8	2.3	3.0	2.9
Tas.	1.5	1.0	1.3	1.3	1.1	1.1	1.7	1.3
NT	2.0	1.8	1.8	1.3	1.0	1.4	2.4	1.8
ACT	2.0	1.3	1.5	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.5	1.3
Aust.	4.5	3.5	4.0	4.0	4.4	4.9	4.7	5.3

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